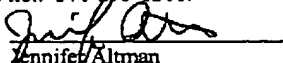


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Introductory Comments:

The Office Action mailed on April 18, 2005, has been carefully studied. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. This response is being submitted with a one month extension of time that will bring the extended due date to August 18, 2005. The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee of \$60.00 to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Attorney Docket No. 28690-705) Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper